#### **CHARTER**

# COORDINATING COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE and DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

# 1. Committee's Official Designation

The official designation of this Federal Advisory Committee is the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Council).

## 2. Authority

The Council constitutes an "advisory committee" under Section 3(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Therefore, the Council will operate pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, OJP Instruction I 2100.1, and any other applicable regulations, orders and directives issued to implement the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Council is established by Section 206 of the JJDP Act of 1974, as amended, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 5616.

Section 246 of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-211), amended Section 206(a)(2) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5616(a)(2)) to increase the number of practitioner members from nine to ten and provided that one "shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, in consultation with the Vice Chairman of that Committee and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives."

# 3. Objectives and Scope of Activities

The function of the Council shall be to coordinate Federal juvenile delinquency programs (in cooperation with State and local juvenile justice programs), all Federal programs and activities that detain or care for unaccompanied juveniles, and all Federal programs relating to missing and exploited children. The Council shall examine how the separate programs can be coordinated among Federal, State, and local governments to better serve at-risk children and juveniles and shall make recommendations to the President, and to the Congress, at least annually with respect to the coordination of overall policy and development of objectives and priorities for all Federal juvenile delinquency programs and activities and all Federal programs and activities that detain or care for unaccompanied juveniles. The Council shall review the programs and practices of Federal agencies and report on the degree to which Federal agency funds are used for purposes

that are consistent or inconsistent with the core protections and requirements of the JJDP Act as set forth in paragraphs (12)(A), (13), and (14) of section 223 of the Act. The Council shall review, and make recommendations with respect to, any joint funding proposal undertaken by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and any agency represented on the Council. The Council shall review the reasons why Federal agencies take juveniles into custody and shall make recommendations regarding how to improve Federal practices and facilities for holding juveniles in custody.

## 4. Description of Duties

The Council shall carry out the functions enumerated in this document, section 3.

# 5. Agency or Official to Whom the Council Reports

The Council shall provide advice to the President and Congress through the U.S. Department of Justice.

# 6. Support

The Council shall receive administrative support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

# 7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years

Annual operating costs are not expected to exceed \$200,000 to support planning and convening the quarterly meetings and activities of the Council. It is estimated that up to .4 of a full-time equivalent employee, in addition to contractor staff, will be used to support the Council to carry out its purposes.

#### 8. Designated Federal Officer

A full-time or permanent part-time federal employee, appointed in accordance with agency procedures, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and/or alternate DFO. The agency may also appoint an alternate DFO to carry out the work in the DFO's absence or assist with Council work. The DFO will approve or call all meetings of the Council and any subcommittees; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; attend all Council and subcommittee meetings; adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest; and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Attorney General or his or her designee.

# 9. Number and Frequency of Meetings

The members of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall meet approximately every three months to carry out their duties under this Charter.

#### 10. Duration

The Council's work is continuing in nature.

#### 11. Termination Date

This Council charter shall expire two years after the Charter's filing date, and is subject to renewal biennially.

## 12. Membership and Designation

The *ex-officio* members of the Council are the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, the Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, such other officers of federal agencies who hold significant decision making authority as the President may designate, and ten citizen members who are practitioners in the field of juvenile justice and who are not officers or employees of the United States. Three citizen members are appointed by the Speaker of the House, after consultation with the minority leader of the House of Representatives; three members are appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leader of the Senate; three members are appointed by the President and one member is appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, in consultation with the Vice Chairman of that Committee and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

#### 13. Subcommittees

The Attorney General, Administrator, or DFO have the authority to create subcommittees of the Council. All subcommittees report to the Council, and may not provide advice or work products directly to the U. S. Department of Justice, Congress or the President.

# 14. Recordkeeping

The records of the Council, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Council, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition scheduled. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

# 15. Filing Date

Dated this 20th day of April, 2012 by:

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Attorney General